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Dear Chairman Powell,

While the below is a copy and paste message, I agree with it 100%. If the MPAA gets its way, all Americans will suffer. These people at the MPAA and RIAA are trying to save their outdated business model through making laws to support them. If you dare to implement this as law, then I would hope that a class action law suit is brought against the FCC and MPAA for corruption. This is absurd, and again treats the consumer as guilty parties right out of the gate.

-Begin generic message that I agree with 100% -

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Rich Ripple Westfield, IN

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If the FCC votes to require a broadcast flag that doesn't permit me to time shift in HD and to play that time shift program on any of my own playback equipment in HD or in any way obsoletes the HD equipment I already have, I will do everything possible to have its regulation on this matter thrown out by Congress and, if necessary, change administrations to get that done. The odds of most folks recording movies in HD and distributing them in any way except fair use are prohibitive. Fair Use has been established. Touch it and you will have the entire country against you.

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I agree completely with every single point in the form letter below. I am very concerned about the change in the original bargain struck between authors and consumers of published works - I don't think it is good that we've extended copyright for so long as to make the public domain meaningless; I don't think content authors have an absolute right to their work in perpetuity; I think fair use needs to be protected - I should be able to TIME-SHIFT the media I watch to a more convenient time without restriction.

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I am opposed to the new requirement you and the content producers are proposing, the "broadcast flag". I am not opposed to copyright ownership, nor do I support piracy, but I firmly believe that it is not in the best interests of America for the FCC to attempt to enforce private legal privileges. I oppose the broadcast flag and, even more so, the DMCA, an affront to our Constitution and Bill of rights.

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Donald S. Wilde
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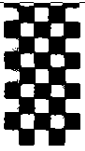
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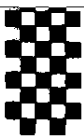
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How can you do this to us? This is such a violation of our rights. We love to tape shows late at night to watch later. We have several TVs in our home. We should be able to watch the tapes on any TV. Also as an educator, sometimes I like to show something current on television to enhance my lessons. Isn't it enough that schools with such budget crunches will now not have the Fair Use law for taping and showing current shows?

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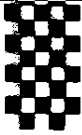
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Below is a stock standard boilerplate statement about the Broadcast Flag issue, but I would rather state beforehand I find it:

1. technically inane and restrictive and shows a callous disregard for the customers of media, and is in no way/shape/form 'innovative'
2. is a very un-american idea both in spirit and approach. its self-absorbed knee-jerk.
3. shows how out of touch the MPAA and its ilk really is. Frankly if they cant cut the new realities of technology and media they should quietly go in a corbner and let evolution do the rest.

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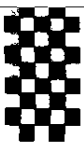
We do this last item frequently in our house. My 10 year old son's favorite shows are on Saturday morning. But on Saturday morning's, we are not home. So we record the shows. Of course, we record the shows on the best VCR in the house which means they are recorded on the one in the family room. But they are children's shows so neither my wife or I really want to watch them. When we arrive home later, my son takes the tape to the den to watch his shows while my wife and I use the family room for other activities (including watching other TV shows).

Also, the broadcast flag will hurt VCR sales. Why purchase more than one VCR, possibly one for each TV if I cannot move the recordings from one room to the next? It would be pointless to own more than one VCR. VCR sales will severely drop.

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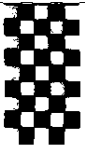
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